

CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH
MINUTES OF THE LIBRARY COMMISSION

November 8, 2021
5:00 p.m.
Virtual – Zoom meeting

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A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Jones, Windes, Schreiner, Bond and Siemak

Absent: Parikh

Others present: Management Analyst, Linda Robb

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Windes moved to approve the October 12, 2021 minutes as written.

Commissioner Schreiner seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ayes: Jones, Windes, Schreiner, Bond, Siemak

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Parikh

D. CEREMONIAL

None

E. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Acting Library Manager, Josh Murray gave his monthly report including the following:

The library received a window washing and a lighting upgrade in the emergency stairwell.

The Book Club will meet virtually on December 6 at 6:30 to discuss *Last Night at the Telegraph Club* by Malinda Lo. Email librarian Claire Moore at cmoore@library.lacounty.gov for more information.

A variety of virtual programs are available. Visit lacountylibrary.org/events to view the offerings and to register.

Smarty Pants StoryTime is going well on Thursday mornings. Interested parents should register online up to one week in advance of the scheduled program.

Manhattan Beach Library is now a space on the Manhattan Beach version of Monopoly. Mr. Murray shared a mock-up of the Monopoly space.

F. GENERAL BUSINESS

Afternoon with an Author – (Schreiner, Windes) Commissioner Windes reported that there is no update. The subcommittee will reconsider after the holidays. The event will be postponed until it can be held in person with at least 62 people in the Library multipurpose room.

MB Poetry event – (Windes, Schreiner) - Commissioner Schreiner reported that this event will also be postponed until it can be held in person at the library.

Library Appreciation Event – (Jones, Bond, Schreiner) – Commissioner Jones shared the invitation and bookmark that were created for the event that will happen on November 16th. Bookmarks were shared with the City Council and Director Leyman. Food has been ordered and the meal will be offered at 1:00 p.m. Manager Murray thanked the commission for organizing the event.

No Strings Attached – (Windes, Schreiner) Commissioner Windes reported that the subcommittee has collected about 700 books for the November 14th Light Gate event. They are screening the books so they will not be bringing all of them to the event. The event will begin at 3:30 p.m. Bookmarks will also be given out.

Commissioners Windes and Schreiner will be doing another No Strings attached event on December 2nd at the North Manhattan Beach Holiday Stroll.

Story Adventure – (Bond, Jones) – Commissioner Bond reported that the Eagle Scout is ready to roll. There will be a conference call on November 9, 2021 with staff and the Eagle Scout to discuss a plan for the display case design and installation, and whether the display will be temporary or permanent.

East Manhattan Beach Library Services/Book Vending Machines – (Siemak) Commissioner Siemak reported that an earlier schedule conference call had been cancelled and never got rescheduled. He will work with Manager Buike to reschedule.

Teen Library Update (Spring/Summer Discovery Program) – Commissioner Windes praised Librarian Claire Moore for her assistance making signs for the upcoming No Strings Attached event. – October was Teen Read Month and 25 teen activity kits were given out, as well as some young adult books. For November there will be Adult 101 kits for teens, available for the Saving Money virtual program.

G. STAFF ITEMS

No staff updates

H. COMMISSION ITEMS

Chair Jones reported that she met with Michael Zislis and presented five ideas for possible events to him. She stated that he was receptive to supporting the Photo Op Day and has recommended his photographer. Chair Jones would like to request that this item be added to the work plan.

Commissioner Jones added that Mr. Zislis is also interested in sponsoring a predominantly outdoor entertainment series that would consist of high-end presenters (authors, performers, artists). Commissioner Jones would like to find out what kind of sponsorship would be allowed by the City. Commissioner Windes recommended contacting Pages Bookstore. She and Commissioner Schreiner volunteered to be on the sub-committee if the item is added to the work plan. Commissioner Jones requested for commissioners to bring recommendations for possible presenters to the December

meeting. Manager Murray reminded the commission that he does not know what the regulations will be for events at the library, even outdoors.

The five items that were presented to Mr. Zislis were:

1. Photo op Day
2. Entertainment Series
3. Library Appreciation party
4. Entrance sign to the Library
5. Story Adventure

Of the five, he liked the first two, which will be proposed at the joint-meeting. The commission agreed to request that the Photo op Day and Entertainment Series be added to the work plan at the City Council Joint meeting on January 11, 2021.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Windes moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Schreiner seconded the motion. The motion carried unopposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM, to Monday, December 13, 2021.